REMARKS

Please enter the Amendment contained herein and calculate the filing before further examination of the application. This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination after a decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (herein called the "Board").

Newly-added claims 39-50 are believed to overcome the cited prior art for at least the following reasons. In particular, these claims are directed to identification requests that occur over a global computer network and allow a user of a computer system that is coupled to the global computer network to control whether or not identification of the computer system is allowed. Therefore, for at least this reason, newly-added claims 39-50 are distinguishable over the cited prior art, and Applicant requests allowance of these claims. The Commissioner is authorized to pay any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0160US).

Respectfully submitted,

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